



**Announcements for Sunday, December 14, 2014
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation**



Next Sunday's service is "Holiday Youth Pageant: 'Spirit of Santa' " by R E Youth

***** HAPPENING TODAY****

The Welcoming Congregation Committee is collecting surveys at ALUUC in the "rainbow box" in the foyer. If you haven't turned yours in, now is the time! The final collection date is today - Sunday, December 14. Copies of the survey are located on the foyer table. If you prefer, surveys are available for online printing at the ALUUC website in the December Newsletter. Just print out your survey at home, fill it out, and either bring it back to church with you, or mail it to the church care of the Welcoming Congregation Committee. The information compiled in these surveys will help us to learn what our strengths and weaknesses are as a welcoming congregation for the LGBTQ community. We will be able to learn where improvements can be made, where lessons can be implemented or policy changed for the better. For further information, please contact Meg Evans Lazare or Tracy Zieber-Minks

Annual Glove, Mitten, Hat and Scarf Tree: Once again, we are collecting gloves, mittens, hats and scarves for Contact Ministries and Kumler Outreach Ministries. Please bring new gloves, mittens, hats and scarves to ALUUC **TODAY December 14** and hang them on the tree. If you would prefer to make a financial contribution, please place your check in the offering (make check payable to ALUUC with Mitten Tree in the Memo line).

UUSC Holiday Cards: This year the ALUUC Social Action Committee will be selling UUSC Holiday cards. Debby Hagan is chairing this effort. The cards will be sold **TODAY December 14 and 21** after the morning service. The designs include Blue Dove, Good Tidings, Holiday Assortment, Holiday Children, and many more. Check them out at <http://uuscfundraising.myshopify.com/collections/holiday-cards> . All proceeds from sales support UUSC's work (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee). Please make checks out to UUSC.

Please help stack chairs after the service and meeting today in preparation for the **Labyrinth Walk on Friday.**

***** COMING SOON *****

The youth have been rehearsing for the upcoming **Holiday Pageant** on Sundays during regular RE Class time. In order for the youth to be ready for the pageant, it is important for them to be in attendance on Sundays. Thank you. Please see Marla Johnson, DRE with any questions.

A special **Holiday Pageant Rehearsal** will be held Saturday, December 20, 2014 at the church from 10:00 am until 12 noon. Please, be sure that your child attends in order to be ready for the pageant performance to be held Sunday, December 21, 2014. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Marla Johnson, DRE at dre@aluuc.org. Thank you.

Volunteer Teachers Needed: Volunteer Teachers needed in the Religious Education Program. There is still a need for volunteer teachers for the Pre-K/K, 3rd/4th grade, and the 7th/8th grade classrooms. Please contact Marla Johnson, DRE at dre@aluuc.org for details.

Kristin Ettinger has been studying and working at Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health in Lenox, MA for the past year. She is particularly excited about the "Shake Your Soul" program she has experienced with body-centered psychotherapist and dancer, Dan Leven. She comments, "The Yoga of Dance is an experience of dancing from the inside out. In this unique approach to mind-body exercise, you discover your soul in motion. In addition to all the traditional benefits of exercise, you experience the added joy of your spirit inspiring you, inspiring your movement and bringing inspiration to your life!" Kristin will be at ALUUC for the December 21st service and would be happy to meet with any people who would like to learn more "Shake Your Soul" during the coffee hour.

The deadline for submissions to the January 2015 ALUUC Newsletter is 8:00 AM Dec 22.

****This Week at a Glance ****

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Sunday, Dec 14	Choir Rehearsal	9:20 AM	Sanctuary
	Special Congregational Meeting	11:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Holiday Cards & Mitten Tree	11:50 AM	
Tuesday, Dec 15	Chalice Circle	6:30 PM	Channing
Thursday, Dec 18	Meditation	7:15 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, Dec 19	Labyrinth Walk & Oneness Blessing	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Saturday, Dec 20	RE Pageant rehearsal & set-up	10:00 AM	Sanctuary
	Pagan Group Yule Celebration	5:00 PM	Commons
Sunday, Dec 21	Third Sunday Collection		
	RE Pageant	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	SAC Committee Meeting	12:00 PM	Fuller

****Happening Elsewhere ****

Mark your calendars: Winter Womanspirit 2015, February 6th – 8th, 2015 at Lake Country UU Church, Hartland, Wisconsin. Women & Religion is proud to present: **"Healing Words: Called to Consciousness with Mary Pierce Brosmer."** More information on registering is at www.womenandreligion.org

